

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4 are pending. Claims 5 and 6 are canceled. Claims 7 to 13 have been previously withdrawn in response to a Restriction Requirement. Applicant reserves the right to pursue canceled and withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

In this supplemental amendment, claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice to facilitate further prosecution of claim 13 in co-pending U.S. Appln. Ser. No. 10/642,587.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the present claims are in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly requests the same. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if necessary to expedite allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charged any fees or overpayments associated with this application to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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